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PARAS 4 AND 5 REF A REFER VARIOUSLY TO "MILITARY ARRANGE-
MENTS IN THE AEGEAN PROPOSED BY SACEUR", "SACEUR PROPOSED
TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS", AND THE "SACEUR PROPOSAL". WE
WISH TO UNDERScore THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS IN QUESTION
EMERGED FROM EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS SACEUR CONDUCTED
WITH THE GREEKS AS HE WAS REQUESTED TO DO BY THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (REF B) AND ARE CONTAINED IN

THE GREEK RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS POSED THEM (REF C).
THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AEGEAN ARE NOT THEREFORE
SACEUR "PROPOSALS" IN THE STRICT, FORMAL SENSE OF THAT
TERM AND SHOULD NOT BE SO DESCRIBED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
TURKS OR OTHERS, IN VIEW OF TURKISH SENSITIVITIES ABOUT
THE MANDATE OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES REGARDING GREEK
REINTEGRATION. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT IN ANY SUCH
DISCUSSIONS THE TERM "ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE DEVELOPED IN
THE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS ON MILITARY/TECHNICAL LEVEL
ISSUES BETWEEN SACEUR AND THE GREEKS" SHOULD BE USED.
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